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SUBJECT: FONMIN OREJA CHARACTERIZES COMING VISITS OF SPANISH LEADERS  
TO ARAB CAPITALS AS REAFFIRMING MEDITERRANEAN DIMENSION OF  
SPANISH FOREIGN POLICY

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1. FOREIGN MINISTER OREJA, IN A PRESS INTERVIEW GIVEN

SUNDAY PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE FOR TUNIS, REPORTEDLY STATED THAT "FOR AN ADEQUATE UNDERSTANDING OF SPAIN'S FOREIGN POLICY, I BELIEVE IT IS NECESSARY TO HAVE FUNDAMENTALLY IN MIND THREE PILLARS: THE EUROPEAN, THE LATIN AMERICAN, AND THE ARAB. AND PERHAPS TWO GREAT GEOGRAPHICAL ZONES WHICH CAN BE CALLED THE TWO FUNDAMENTAL ASPECTS OF SPANISH FOREIGN POLICY: THE ATLANTIC AND THE MEDITERRANEAN." EXCERPTS FROM THE REMAINDER OF OREJA'S INTERVIEW FOLLOW.

2. PRIORITY TO EUROPE. IN THE EUROPEAN ARENA, THE DIPLOMACY OF THE MONARCHY DURING 1976 FOCUSED ON SPAIN'S PRINCIPAL INTERESTS: "CONCERN AND ATTENTION TO THE COMMON MARKET, WITH A VIEW TO OUR EVENTUAL MEMBERSHIP; DEVELOPMENT OF A NEW AND MORE APPROPRIATE LEVEL OF RELATIONS WITH OUR PORTUGUESE NEIGHBORS; CONTACTS WITH NEUTRAL AND NON-ALIGNED WEST EUROPEAN STATES." OREJA THEN ENUMERATED THE EUROPEAN TRIPS OF SPANISH LEADERS (THE KING, SUREZ, AREILZA WHEN HE WAS FONMIN, AND OREJA HIMSELF) AND THE VISITS TO MADRID OF EUROPEAN LEADERS.

3. THE LATIN AMERICAN TRIPS, THE MADRID VISITS OF VENEZUELAN GOVT LEADERS, AND THE PLANNED VISITS OF THE FOREIGN MINISTERS OF PERU, THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC AND PARAGUAY.

4. AND THE MEDITERRANEAN. "IN THIS COMPLEX AND BROAD DIPLOMATIC OFFENSIVE, THE REAFFIRMATION OF OUR MEDITERRANEAN DIMENSION WAS LACKING. OUR FOREIGN POLICY CANNOT BY ANY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MEANS FORGET THE MEDITERRANEAN CONTEXT OF OUR POSITION AND INTERESTS. LOOKING TO EUROPE, FOR EXAMPLE, WE CAN OFFER THE UNIQUE PERSPECTIVE OF A COUNTRY WHICH SHARES WITH EQUAL INTENSITY MEDITERRANEAN AND ATLANTIC OUTLOOKS. AND THAT DOUBLE DIMENSIONS, WHICH MUST BE EXPLOITED AND RATIONALIZED TO THE MAXIMUM, SUPPOSES AT THE SAME TIME AN IMPERATIVE OF EQUILIBRIUM AND AUTONOMY IN THE BASIC LINES OF OUR FOREIGN POLICY."

5. A "SEA OF PEACE." THE MEDITERRANEAN ITSELF POSSESSES THREE DIMENSIONS: "THE MAGHREB, MEDITERRANEAN EUROPE, AND THE MIDDLE EAST. IN THESE THREE SECTORS WE WANT TO AFFIRM OUR PARTICIPATION IN AN UNDERSTANDING OF THE SHARED PROBLEMS, WHICH ARE IN A CERTAIN SENSE LINKED BY THE MEDITERRANEAN ITSELF, AS A SEA OF PEACE, CENTER OF COOPERATION, AND PATHWAY FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND COMMERCE. PERHAPS IT IS NECESSARY SIMPLY TO REMIND YOU OF THE CONSTANT CONCERN OF THE SPANISH DELEGATION TO CSCE OVER MEDITERRANEAN ISSUES AND FOR THE DEFENSE OF THE INTERESTS

AND THE PRESENCE OF THOSE RIPARIAN ARAB STATES WHICH DID NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE CONFERENCE."

6. EXPLORING THE POSSIBILITIES. IN THE PAST WE HAVE NOT "EXTRACTED THE IMMEDIATE AND PRODUCTIVE CONSEQUENCES OF OUR TRADITIONAL FRIENDSHIP" WITH THE ARAB STATES. "THE GOVT OF THE MONARCHY INTENDS TO EXPLORE IN DEPTH ALL OF THE CONCRETE POSSIBILITIES OF COLLABORATION IN ALL SECTORS: POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, AND CULTURAL. THE JUST CASES OF THE ARAB NATION CONTINUE TO FIND IN THE GOS ALL OF THE SUPPORT WHICH IS CALLED FOR BY ITS LEGITIMATE ASPIRATIONS. IN THE ECONOMIC SPHERE, SPAIN IS PREPARED TO FFER TO THE ARAB WORLD ALL OF ITS TECHNOLOGICAL POSSIBILITIES AND AN INCREASED EMPHASIS ON COMMERCIAL TIES. IN THE CULTURAL FIELD...THE ENERGETIC DEVELOPMENT OF INTERCHANGE AND ARAB STUDIES IN SPAIN. ALL OF THIS SIGNIFIES THAT WE ARE PLANNING A CONCERTED EFFORT OF GREAT BREADTH, AND THAT THE COMING SERIES OF VISITS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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(TO ARAB CAPITALS--REFTEL) DEMONSTRATES A RENEWED WILL ON OUR PART TO DEVELOP THE IMMENSE POSSIBILITIES WHICH ARE OPENING UP FOR COOPERATION BETWEEN SPAIN AND THE ARAB STATES."STABLER

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